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§13–125.

(a) (1) The County Commissioners of Kent County, by resolution, may provide for a comprehensive system for the regulation of dogs.

(2) The resolution may provide for:

(i) the licensing and control of dogs;

(ii) seizing and disposing of unlicensed or dangerous dogs; and

(iii) reasonable penalties for a violation of a resolution enacted in accordance with this section.

(b) (1) In Kent County, on or before July 1 of each year, a person owning or keeping a dog shall apply to the county tax collector for a license for the dog if the dog is at least 6 months old.

(2) At the time of application, the applicant shall pay the fee for a dog or kennel license set by the County Commissioners of Kent County.

(3) Except as provided in § 13–108 of this subtitle, the licenses and fees required under this section are the only licenses and fees required for owning or keeping a dog.

(4) The county commissioners shall prepare and supply the form for a license issued under this subsection.

(5) A dog license shall contain the date of issuance, a serial number, and a description of the dog licensed.

(6) A license expires on July 1 of the year after issuance.

(c) (1) In Kent County, the county tax collector shall issue a tag with each dog license to a person owning or keeping a dog when the owner pays the license fee for the dog.

(2) The County Commissioners of Kent County shall prepare and supply tags to the county tax collector each year.

- (3) The tags shall be:
- (i) composed of metal;
  - (ii) imprinted with a serial number corresponding to the number on the license issued to the owner under subsection (b) of this section;
  - (iii) imprinted with the calendar year for which the tag is issued;
  - (iv) 1 inch or less in length; and
  - (v) equipped with a substantial metal fastener.
- (4) The county commissioners shall change the general shape of the tags each year.
- (5) Tags supplied to owners of kennels shall contain the word “kennel”.
- (6) The person owning or keeping a dog shall attach the tag to a substantial collar and keep the collar and tag on the dog for which the license was issued at all times, except when the dog is:
- (i) confined in a kennel; or
  - (ii) hunting under the charge of an attendant.
- (7) The county tax collector shall replace a lost tag on:
- (i) application by the person to whom the original license was issued;
  - (ii) the production of the license; and
  - (iii) payment of a fee of 25 cents.

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